

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a pen **or pen-like device** comprising a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition comprising a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate.
2. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 1 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent ~~or,~~ translucent **or invisible** containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate.
3. (Original) The applicator device of claim 1 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent

containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the transparent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

4. (Original) The applicator device of claim 1 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a translucent containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the translucent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

5. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 1 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate and wherein the containment border can be treated to be invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

6. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 1 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate wherein the containment border is invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

7. (Original) The applicator device of claim 1 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass or plastic analytic plate and wherein the containment border leaves the refractive index of the glass or plastic analytic plate unaltered when viewed through a microscope.

8. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass or plastic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the glass or plastic analytic plate forming a containment border which does not alter the refractive index of the glass or plastic analytic plate when viewed through a microscope.

9. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent **or invisible** containment border when deposited on the glass or plastic analytic plate.

10. (Original) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent containment border when deposited on the glass or plastic analytic plate and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

11. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass or plastic plate and wherein the containment border can be treated to be invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

12. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass or plastic analytic plate, and wherein the containment border is invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

13. (Original) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

14. (Original) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

15. (Original) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

16. (Original) The applicator device of claim 8 wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

17. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass or plastic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the glass or plastic analytic plate forming a containment border which does not alter the refractive index of the glass or plastic analytic plate when viewed through a microscope and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

18. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator end, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator end is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator end to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border having a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

19. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 18 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent ~~or,~~ translucent or invisible containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate.

20. (Original) The applicator device of claim 18 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the transparent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

21. (Original) The applicator device of claim 18 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a translucent containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the translucent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

22. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 18 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate and wherein the containment border can be treated to be invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

23. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 18 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate wherein the containment border is invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

24. (Original) The applicator device of claim 18 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border having a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

26. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 25 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent ~~or~~, translucent **or invisible** containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate.

27. (Original) The applicator device of claim 25 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent

containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the transparent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

28. (Original) The applicator device of claim 25 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a translucent containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the translucent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

29. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 25 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate and wherein the containment border can be treated to be invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

30. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 25 wherein the colorless liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic

plate wherein the containment border is invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

31. (Original) The applicator device of claim 25 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

32. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which can be treated to be invisible.

33. (Original) The applicator device of claim 32 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

34. (Original) The applicator device of claim 32 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

35. (Original) The applicator device of claim 32 wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

36. (Original) The applicator device of claim 32 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

37. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which is invisible.

38. (Original) The applicator device of claim 37 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

39. (Original) The applicator device of claim 37 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

40. (Original) The applicator device of claim 37 wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

41. (Original) The applicator device of claim 37 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

42. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which is transparent.

43. (Original) The applicator device of claim 42 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

44. (Original) The applicator device of claim 42 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

45. (Original) The applicator device of claim 42 wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

46. (Original) The applicator device of claim 42 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

47. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which is transparent and highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

48. (Original) The applicator device of claim 47 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

49. (Original) The applicator device of claim 47 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

50. (Original) The applicator device of claim 47 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

51. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which is translucent and highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

52. (Original) The applicator device of claim 51 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

53. (Original) The applicator device of claim 51 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

54. (Original) The applicator device of claim 51 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

55. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which is invisible and highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

56. (Original) The applicator device of claim 55 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

57. (Original) The applicator device of claim 55 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

58. (Original) The applicator device of claim 55 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.

59. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a liquid composition comprising an acid, and at least one of a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, or a silicon fluid, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate.

60. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the acid in the liquid composition is a mineral acid.

61. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir is colored.

62. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir is colorless.

63. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent ~~or~~, translucent **or invisible** containment border when deposited on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate.

64. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a transparent containment border when deposited on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the transparent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

65. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a translucent containment border when disposed on the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, wherein the translucent containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

66. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when disposed on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate and wherein the containment border can be treated to be invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

67. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when disposed on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate and wherein the containment border leaves the refractive index of the glass or plastic analytic plate unaltered when viewed through a microscope **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

68. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the liquid composition contained within the reservoir forms a containment border when disposed on the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate wherein the containment border is invisible **and wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.**

69. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

70. (Original) The applicator device of claim 59 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

71. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a liquid composition comprising a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate forming a colored and transparent containment border thereon which is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

72. (Original) The applicator device of claim 71 wherein the colored and transparent containment border can be treated to be invisible.

73. (Original) The applicator device of claim 71 wherein the colored and transparent containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

74. (Original) The applicator device of claim 71 wherein the colored and transparent containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

75. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a liquid composition comprising a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate forming a colored and translucent containment border thereon which is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

76. (Original) The applicator device of claim 75 wherein the colored and translucent border can be treated to be invisible.

77. (Original) The applicator device of claim 75 wherein the colored and translucent containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

78. (Original) The applicator device of claim 75 wherein the colored and translucent containment border has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

79. (Currently Amended) An applicator device comprising:
a reservoir and an applicator **end**, the reservoir containing a quantity of a colorless liquid composition, and wherein when the applicator **end** is appressed to a surface of a glass, plastic or ceramic analytic plate, the colorless liquid composition flows from the reservoir through the applicator **end** to the surface of the analytic plate forming a containment border which is translucent and has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch.

80. (Original) The applicator device of claim 79 wherein the containment border has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

81. (Original) The applicator device of claim 79 wherein the containment border is highly resistant to removal or abrasion.

82. (Original) The applicator device of claim 79 wherein the colorless liquid composition comprises a polysiloxane, a siloxane, a silane, a silicone, a silicon fluid, or a combination thereof.